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G. W. Foster	*Treasurer*	Lee, Miss.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The Seventy-third Annual Session of this Association will be held with Brushy Fork Baptist Church, Copiah county, at 10 o'clock A. M., on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1893.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

Friday, September 23, 1892.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Union Baptist Association met in its Seventy-Second Annual Session, with the Rodney Baptist church, Jefferson county, Miss., on Friday, September 23, 1892.

The congregation engaged in devotional exercises, conducucted by Eld. J. E. Lowe, after which the meeting was called to order by Rev. S. R. Young, Moderator.

On motion, preaching of the Introductory Sermon was postponed until 2 o'clock to-day.

On motion, the Association proceeded to organization.

Brethren J. J. Embry and J. E. Lowe were appointed Reading Clerks.

On a call for church letters to the Association, the following letters were received and read, and the delegates enrolled:

Antioch—A. Bishop, W. J. Conn.
Bethesda—M. S. Nevels.
Bushy Fork—J. W. Clark, G. F. Boren, B. F. Trim.
Beech Grove—C. L. Young, J. L. Price.
Center Chapel—No delegate.
Bethany—No delegate.
Fellowship—W. W. Bolls, R. M. J. Arnette, G. W. Foster.
Hermanville—T. E. McElveen, J. W. Crews.
Ingleside—F. M. Bufkin, W. D. Bufkin.
Martin—S. R. Young.
New Providence—L. S. McKinney.
New Zion—J. E. Lowe.
Philadelhia—Jos. Buckles, J. J. Embry and W. J. Chiles.
Pine Bluff—T. J. Martin, J. H. Purser.
Pleasant Hill—A. J. Foster.
Fiedmont—D. S. Burch, W. W. Cupit.
Rodney—I. E. Herring.
Reganton—J. W. Foster.
Sim's Chapel—T. M. Purvis, J. A. Watson, W. B. Herring.

SMYRNA—I. R. Martin, J. W. Patrick, J. L. Hall.
UNITY—No delegate.
WHITE OAK—Jas. T. Thompson, Lee Little.

On motion, proceeded to the election of officers.

Brethren J. W. Crews and J. H. Purser were appointed tellers.

A ballot resulted in the election of Rev. S. R. Young, Moderator; D. S. Burch, Clerk; G. W. Foster, Treasurer.

The officers elect expressed their thanks to the Association for the honor conferred.

The Association was then declared ready for business.

Eld. W. W. Bolls, in behalf of the Rodney church and the citizens of Rodney and vicinity, extended to the Association a hearty welcome. Response for the Association was made by D. S. Burch.

The Moderator appointed brethren J. W. Crews, James T. Thompson and A. J. Foster, Committee on Finance.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

That sessions of the Association shall be from 9 A. M. to 12 M. Afternoon session from 2 to 4 P. M.

On motion adjourned for dinner until 2 o'clock; benediction by the Moderator.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled in the house and Eld. Jos. Buckles preached from Acts 9:6. After prayer by Bro. J. J. Embry, the Association proceeded to the regular order of business.

On motion of Bro. J. J. Embry, the following order of business was adopted:

1. Call to order and exercises.
2. Organize.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Call for Correspondence.
5. Appoint on Correspondence.
6. Call for Reports.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Resolutions.
9. Adjournment.

The Moderator appointed the pastor, W. W. Bolls, and the deacons of this church a Committee on Religious Exercises.

Call for Petitionary Letters; none presented.

On a call for Correspondence, Eld. Geo. Whitfield being present, was welcomed as a corresponding messenger from

the Board of Ministerial Education of the Baptist State Convention.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended to hear partial report of Committee on Religious Exercises, who announced that Eld. J. E. Lowe would preach to-night at 7 o'clock.

The following were appointed as Corresponding Messengers:

To Baptist State Convention—G. W. Foster, W. S. Rogers, Joseph Buckles, W. W. Bolls, S. R. Young, J. E. Lowe, W. B. Thompson, H. L. Winters, E. B. Thompson, I. R. Martin, J. W. Clark, T. J. Martin, G. F. Boren, J. H. Purser, I. E. Herring, C. P. Martin, S. E. Dudley, J. W. Crews, J. T. Thompson, P. K. Hammett, R. M. J. Arnette, F. G. Marble, M. M. Ashley, J. M. Toler.

To Mississippi Association—Rev. J. J. Green.

To Fair River Association— Jos. Buckles, J. J. Embry, A. G. Bishop, D. S. Burch, J. H. Purser, J. W. Patrick, W. J. Conn.

To Carey Association — W. W. Bolls, S. R. Young, G. W. Foster, Joseph Buckles.

To Copiah Association — J. W. Clark, G. F. Boren, J. J. Embre, I. R. Martin, J. W. Patrick.

To Central Association — J. E. Lowe, W. W. Bolls, S. R. Young.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the Association was declared adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by Eld. J. H. Purser.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, Sept. 24, 1892.

The Association was promptly called to order by the Moderator at 9 o'clock.

Engaged in devotional exercises, singing, and prayer by Elder Jos. Buckles.

Minutes of yesterday were read by the Clerk and approved.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Nominations: Brethren R. M. J. Arnette, J. E. Lowe and A. J. Foster.

On a call for reports, the time for hearing the report on Mississippi College was fixed after 2 o'clock to-day.

Time for hearing report on Ministerial Education was fixed to follow report on Mississippi College.

The report on Publications was read by Bro. J. E. Lowe and discussed by brethren Buckles, Bolls, McPherson, Whitfield and others, and after some amendments was adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee would recommend, first of all, the reading of the Holy Bible, which is the Word of God, the fountain of truth and knowledge. Let us then, not simply read for pasttime, but read it that we may be spiritually benefitted; and in connection with the Bible, we would recommend as not only safe, but important to our Christian growth in knowledge, the reading of the Baptist Record, published at Meridian, Miss., the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va., the Western Recorder, Louisville, Ky.; and for Sabbath School literature, "Kind Words," Nashville, Tenn, the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa.; and for the cause of temperance, we would recommend "The Leader," Jackson, Miss.; we also recommend "Our Home Field," Atlanta, Ga., and the "Baptist Layman," Winona, Miss.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. Lowe.

On motion, the report on Sunday Schools was set for tomorrow, in connection with Sunday School mass meeting.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. S. R. Young. The report was discussed by brethren Young, Whitfield, Bolls and Rogers.

Pending the discussion of the report a letter to the Association from Rev. J. G. Chastain, missonary to Mexico, was read by the Clerk.

On motion, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

By referring to the last report of the Foreign Mission Board, made to the Southern Baptist Convention at Atlanta, we find the Foreign Mission work is, in many respects, most cheering. The number of missionaries reported was 91, ordained ministers 38, their wives 36, unordained (ladies) 17. These last, as well as the wives of the missionaries, being engaged in the quiet but most effective work of instructing the young, and carrying the "good news" of salvation into the homes not accessible to men. These missionaries were aided in their work by 21 ordained and 60 unordained native workers, and supported partly by contributions from their own people. Every mission reports baptisms except one. The largest accessions were: Brazil 90, South China 120, Mexico 127. Total baptized in all our

missions during the year, 434; membership in mission churches, 2,728. Their contributions for last year, imperfectly reported, aggregated $3,956.00, or nearly $1.50 per member.

For the information and careful consideration of those who are desirous of knowing what Baptists are doing in foreign fields, as compared with some of the leading denominations, we append the following, as taken from the "American Baptist Year Book," and the figures are approximately correct:

NUMBER OF CONVERTS IN HEATHEN LANDS.

Disciples	1,150
Methodist Episcopal	35,207
Methodist Episcopal (South)	5,033
Presbyterian, North	28,494
Presbyterian, South	2,072
Presbyterian, Cumberland	632
Protestant Episcopal	3,258
Total	75,846
Other converts not enumerated	10,300
Total converts, as above	86,146
Baptists, North and South	94,792

NUMBER OF MISSIONARIES IN FOREIGN FIELDS.

Disciples	56
Methodist Episcopal	498
Methodist Episcopal, South	100
Presbyterian, North	598
Presbyterian, South	100
Presbyterian, Cumberland	18
Protestant Episcopal	64
Total	1434
Baptists, North and South	475

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS LAST YEAR.

Disciples	$ 64,569 00
Methodist Episcopal	874,827 00
Methodist Episcopal, South	251,289 00
Presbyterian, North	942,690 00
Presbyterian, South	121,961 00
Presbyterian, Cumberland	22,259 00
Protestant Episcopal	194,718 00
Total	$2,472,323 00
Baptists, North and South	596,004 00

NUMBER OF CONVERSIONS DURING LAST YEAR.

Disciples	
Methodist Episcopal	[illegible]
Methodist Episcopal, South	[illegible]
Presbyterian, North	[illegible]
Presbyterian, South	[illegible]
Presbyterian, Cumberland	
Protestant Episcopal	[illegible]
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Total	
Baptists, North and South	10,074
	10,313

That is to say, the Baptists furnish about one-third as many missionaries in the foreign fields as all these denominations, give less than one-fourth as much money, but they had more conversions than all of them put together, and have now a larger membership in foreign fields than them all. These figures, instead of making us proud, should rather humble us, because, while God has done so much for us, we have done so litle for Him.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. Young.

The Association then engaged in prayer and singing; prayer by Elder George Whitfield.

The Report on Home Missions was read by Bro. W. B. Thompson. The report was discussed by Brethren Bolls and Whitfield and, on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This is an age of wonderful progress, and it is our imperative duty, as children of the Heavenly King, to keep pace with other enterprises. The natural and rapid growth of population of that section of country under the direction of the Home Mission Board, many of whom, perhaps, have never heard the gospel preached in all its purity and power, makes it more incumbent upon us, who hold the "faith which was once delivered unto the saints," to make stronger and more vigorous efforts to have the glad tidings of salvation earnestly proclaimed to those who come under our immediate watch-care, that they may be instructed in the way of the Lord more perfectly. It is a solemn duty we owe to the living God, to give liberally of our substance to the cause of missions. It becomes doubly so in this work, as a large number of these people have been forced by their more enterprising white brother to the far West, but have carried with them none of the advantages or spiritual blessings we enjoy.

Therefore, let us awake, arise from our lethargy, spring forward to the conflict, and with renewed zeal and consecration, enter more earnestly into the Home Mission work. For statistics, we refer to the Report on Home Missions of Southern Baptist Convention.

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REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Your Committee on Mississippi College beg leave to report:

This has been, in some respects, a trying year on Mississippi College. The manner of the removal of President Webb from the Presidency, was one of the most unfortunate transactions that has occurred since its beginning, and now, just on the heels of that, and before that trouble was gone, comes the removal of the College, about which many brethren are not satisfied. Now, when we ought to be the most united we are the farthest apart in regard to its management.

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NUMBER OF CONVERSIONS DURING LAST YEAR.

Disciples	338
Methodist Episcopal	5520
Methodist Episcopal, South	651
Presbyterian, North	2875
Presbyterian, South	
Presbyterian, Cumberland	63
Protestant Episcopal	627
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as soon as he enters. Whether these changes are for the best we cannot say. One thing is sure: collected from all sources, the College comes out in debt $1,536.78.

The College removal is a question that has caused more intense excitement than anything that has come before the denomination in the State. The proposition accepted by the Convention was, that Meridian should raise and put in bank by the first of January, 1893, $50,000 and a clear title to thirty acres of land within one and a half miles of the corporate limits of the city. Pending the discussion, W. H. Hardy announced that Mr. J. S. Solomon, of Meridian, would donate eighty acres of land within one and a half miles of the town. Still later in the discussion, there was a pledge of $5000 as a forfeit, by twelve responsible men in case Meridian failed to raise the $50,000, to be paid to Mississippi College where it is. This proposition was accepted by a vote of 96 to 66 (55 not voting).

Of the endowment, only $39,000 of the $60,000 has been collected and placed at interest.

Upon the settlement of the removal question, the Convention passed a resolution to raise $10,000 for the equipment of Mississippi College when it shall be removed to Meridian.

Your committee submit the following:

WHEREAS, the Baptist State Convention did, by a majority vote agree to move Mississippi College from Clinton to Meridian; AND WHEREAS, it is an acknowledged fact that all kinds of intoxicating liquors are sold at wholesale and retail at Meridian,

Therefore, Resolved, 1. That we request the citisens and all Christians of Meridian, to unite in putting away that great evil from among them.

2. That we will not send our boys where they will be thrown into such temptation and danger.

3. That we as Baptists are opposed to the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage in any shape or form, and will therefore make no compromise with it.

4. That we respectfully but firmly record our protest against the action of the Convention in endeavoring to move Mississippi College.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. BOLLS.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by D. S. Burch. Report was discussed by Eld. Geo. Whitfield and others, and pending the vote on report, cash contributions and pledges to Ministerial Education were made, as follows:

Cash, D. S. Burch..... $ 2 50
Cash, J. M. Toler..... 2 00

Cash, J. H. Purser	1 00
Cash, J. S. McPherson	1 00
Cash, L. S. McKinney	1 50
Cash, W. W. Bolls	2 00
Cash, W. B. Herring	1 00
Cash, J. W. McPherson	1 00
Cash, Rodney	5 00
Total	$17 00

PLEDGES.

Antioch	$ 5 00
Beech Grove	5 00
Brushy Fork	5 00
Fellowship	15 00
New Zion	10 00
New Providence	10 00
Philadelphia	10 00
Pleasant Hill	5 00
Piedmont	2 50
Rodney	10 00
Sims' Chapel	5 00
Smyrna	10 00
White Oak	10 00
Ingleside	2 50
Reganton	5 00
Hermanville Sunday School	5 00
Martin	5 00
J. W. Crews	2 50
T. J. Martin	5 00
Jos. Buckles	5 00
P. K. Hammett	2 50
W. H. Thetford	2 50
J. A. Watson	2 00

On motion, the Board of Ministerial Education is requested to appropriate funds raised at this Association for Ministerial Education to the support of ministerial students from Union Association, and should there be a balance, the same to be used as the Board may deem best.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

In surveying the varied and extensive field for Christian sympathy and Christian effort, we should not overlook nor underestimate the importance of the department of ministerial education. Not more than twenty-five years ago, the

cause of ministerial education received its first impulse, through the zeal and energy of the lamented James Nelson and others, and its growth and development has been along with the growth and development of missions and the dissemination of religious truth.

Prior to the time of an organized system for the promotion of this great work, there had been only about twelve ministerial students at Mississippi College in that many years. But as soon as a plan was inaugurated for awaking interest in the work, we find the number rapidly increasing, until we find as many as forty to fifty students for the ministry annually at the College, and from six to ten graduating from her walls annually, prepared to do great and good work.

Now the Lord does not call many mighty nor many wealthy men to the field of ministerial labor, but he says, "I have chosen the weak things of this world to confound the mighty." Now those whom He hath chosen need the help of those who have the means.

The spirit of giving to this work has been and still is with many of the churches; but there are many who have never given this important work sufficient thought to arouse an interest.

The demand for an educated ministry is more pressing to-day than it has ever been. The wonderful advancement of art and science, the wonderful progress of knowledge, all indicate unmistakably, to Christians, the importance of fostering this work.

Error in the semblance and guise of truth, promotive of scores of isms and schisms, must be disrobed and its hideous deformity driven back. Stark infidelity glittering in the splendor of a false, and so-called Christian science, must be met and vanquished, and the truth of God stamped upon the hearts and consciences of men. None but educated men can do this. A divine call to the exalted work of preaching the gospel ought to be followed by a preparation for this work, and those who are called need the help of Christians in this preparation. It is by this means and these efforts that the work is to progress, and the world to be converted to Christ.

As Christians, we are responsible if we neglect so important a means for the accomplishment of this end. We have great encouragement to rally to the support of the cause. We can find, by the score, strong men, who are standing boldly up and battling valiantly as good soldiers, "having their loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness, and having the shield of faith and the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit," and may we

not help, that their feet may be "shod with the preparation of the gospel?"

Forty or more young men will go to College this session to prepare for the work of the ministry. Shall we help them? Will we do it? And by so doing help to advance the cause of truth and the spread of the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. BURCH.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows:

Rev. W. S. Rogers to preach to-night.

Sunday School mass meeting to-morrow at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. H. Purser.

Elder Geo. Whitfield to preach in the Baptist church at 11 o'clock; Elder S. R. Young, at the Presbyterian church; Elder J. H. Purser to preach at night at the Baptist church.

On motion, the time for report on Temperance was fixed at 10 o'clock Monday.

On motion, adjourned. Benediction by Elder Geo. Whitfield.

SUNDAY.

SUNDAY, Sept. 25, 1892.

Preaching at the Baptist church, Elder Geo. Whitfield; preaching at the Presbyterian church, Elder J. H. Purser. Sabbath collections for missions, $41.30.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, Sept. 26, 1892.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator; engaged in singing, and prayer by Bro. G. W. Foster.

Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The report on Sustentation, read by Bro. G. W. Foster, was, after some discussion, adopted.

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

Your Committee on Sustentation would report as follows: Our people do not seem to realize the importance, nor the necessity of this part of Christian benevolence. After the minister has faithfully performed the work that God has called him to do, and old age or sickness has disqualified him for further service, he should not be left to suffer for the

necessaries of life. Some of these have families who are dependent upon them for a living, and when thus disqualified or, as is often the case, they are removed by death, it is the duty of God's people to see to the support of the desolate and destitute ones. To this end, the contribution of our means should be made to the sustentation fund as regularly as to any other Christian object.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Foster.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read in connection with the Sunday School Mass Meeting yesterday at 10 o'clock. Brethren Buckles, Crews, Tweed and others, participated in the discussion. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Of all the means that God's people can use to Christianize and save the world, the Sunday School is one of the most important. It affords a field of labor that offers employment to the whole Christian church. The humblest follower of the "meek and lowly" Jesus can here find work to employ his faculties and engage his time. God uses His people to carry out His plans of conversion and salvation, and the true Christian should ever be willing to work in whatever field of labor he may be called.

It is to the children that the church must look for her future help and support, but unless they be prepared and instructed beforehand, they cannot be depended upon. God's people do not seem to realize the responsibility and obligation that rests upon them. The children are the future hope of Zion, and we cannot be too earnest and diligent in our efforts to educate them and bring them up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." God's people should awake to the importance of the Sunday School work, and not forget that our pulpits are to be supplied, our missionaries reinforced and our churches filled with earnest, pious men and women, that the work of Christianizing and saving the world might go on.

Then let us go forward in this grand and important work, in the name and strength of our Lord, and the reward of the faithful servant will be ours.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Buckles.

On motion, the subject of "Condition of the Colored People" was passed on account of the absence of Eld. J. J. Green, who had been appointed to write on that subject.

On motion, the Moderator appointed brethren W. W. Bolls and Jos. Buckles, a Committee on Obituaries.

The hour fixed for the report on Temperance having arrived, the report was called for, and Bro. J. H. Purser read the report.

The report was discussed with considerable animation by brethren Purser, Buckles, Crews, Patrick aad Young.

The large audience were delightfully entertained with a song by Mrs. Sophie Harper, and a poem eloquently rendered by Miss Vic New. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance is pleased to report that the evil so long practiced by the people of our country, is fast giving way. It has been called the "crowning evil" of our land. Whether this is true or not, the liquor traffic is injurious. It is a sin against God, and degrading to humanity. Its ruinous effects are felt in every pursuit of life, from the seat of government down to the most obscure home. Therefore, in view of the result of the public sale of whisky and its use as a beverage, our people are becoming outspoken in their denunciation of this practice.

I am pleased to say that in all our religious gatherings, a solemn protest is raised against this deadly foe. There is an increased adherence to the teachings of God's word, that we be temperate in all things.

Temperance is now taught in our Sunday Schools and talked in our homes as never before. Of the seventy-five counties in our State, more tban forty have voted out the saloon.

Your committee feel that the good citizens of Claiborne county are to be congratulated upon the result of the recent election on the liquor question, and we feel that the result was largely due to the untiring efforts of our missionary. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that for any minister or church member to visit a saloon, drink intoxicating liquors as a beverage, sign whisky petitions, go on liquor dealer's bonds, vote for the sale of liquors, or in any way to encourage or countenance the sale of liquors, is grossly unchristian conduct that should be brought under the strictest and kindest church discipline.

Respectly submitted,

J. H. PURSER.

On motion, the Association adjourned for dinner. Benediction by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session.

The Moderator called the Association to order promptly at 2 o'clock. Engaged in singing; prayer by Bro. Lowe.

Report on obituaries was read by Bro. Buckles, and adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee would report that during the Associational year just closing, the hand of affliction has been laid heavily upon us. Pine Bluff church has lost sisters Sine Davis and Hannah O. Neil.

Brushy Fork—Sisters Betsey Morse and Margaret Massey.

Smyrna—Sister Coele Beale.

Pleasant Hill—Brethren Addison and Augustus Smith.

Philadelphia—Bro. J. E. Chiles.

Fellowship—Bro. A. C. Till.

These were all consistent and devout servants of the Master, and in their death our Association has sustained a severe loss indeed. This is especially so in the death of brethren Chiles and Till, who were deacons in their respective churches, and the latter a member of the Executive Board of our Association.

But we have the consolation of knowing that our loss is their gain; and thus believing, we bow in humble resignation to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. Bolls,
Jos. Buckles,
Committee.

Report on Pastoral Support read by Bro. J. J. Embry. On motion, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Your Committee do not think it needful to say much on this subject, as every member of the church knows that the support of the pastor is necessary and a duty laid upon the church, and that it is the duty of each member to contribute to this object, according to his ability. The pastor should not be cumbered with care on this point, but so sustained that he may be able to use the whole of his time in performing his duty as pastor, and be better able to prepare himself for the great work of preaching the gospel. We therefore recommend that we make greater effort to do better in

future for our pastors than we have done in the past, both by our means and our prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. Embry, Chairman.

Report on State Missions, read by Bro. W. S. Rogers. Report adopted:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report:

This is an age of advancement on every line, and our mission work, especially at our own doors, should not be the least of all; but we should work to bring our neighbors and their children to a knowledge of Christ. "Let every man work, over against his own house," until there shall be none to advovate the cause of the wicked one; not that we should work for Home and Foreign Missions *less*, but *State* Missions *more*.

During the past year, there has been a good work done, but there is much more to be done.

But we refer to the following statistics from Secretary of the Board of the Baptist State Convention.

Amount received in all	$ 9,556 62
Number of Missionaries employed	59
Amount paid them	$8,195 00
Days of actual service	3685
Miles traveled	37,013
Stations occupied	257
Sermons and addresses delivered	2,404
Prayer meetings attended	501
Families visited, for religious purpose	4,283
Number of baptisms	228
Number received by letter	304
Number restored	18
Churches organized	9
Sunday Schools organized	46
Officers, teachers and pupils in same	1,789
Pages of tracts distributed	15,343
Subscriptions to Record and other papers	$ 187 00
Money collected on field by Missionaries	4,698 00
Money collected on field for missions	432 00
Houses of worship built	10
Houses of worship repaired	4
Value of houses built	$ 9,529 50

Respectfully submittted,

W. S. Rogers.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your Committee have apportioned among the churches the sum of $618.00, as follows:

Antioch $20.00, A. G. Bishop, pledge, $5.00	$ 25 00
Bethesda	2 50
Beech Grove	20 00
Bethany	
Brushy Fork	30 00
Center Chapel	
Fellowship	50 00
Hermanville	25 00
New Zion	87 50
Reganton	20 00
Ingleside	10 00
New Providence	60 00
Philadelphia	35 00
Pine Bluff	51 00
Pleasant Hill	30 00
Piedmont	11 00
Rodney	45 00
Sims Chapel	5 00
Smyrna	41 00
White Oak	60 00
Unity	
Martin	10 00
	$618 00

We recommend that the pastors of the churches attend to the collecting of these amounts, and send the same to the Treasurer of the Association, to be disbursed according to the direction of the Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Lowe, Chairman Committee.

The report of the Committee on Nominations read and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following:

We nominate the two churches, Brushy Fork and Antioch, in Copiah county, and recommend that the Association decide by vote, with which of these two churches the Seventy-third Annual session of the Association shall be held, and that Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1893, be the time of meeting.

To preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. W. W. Bolls; alternate, Eld. S. R. Young.

COMMITTEE ON REPORTS.

On Ministerial Education—J. J. Embry.
On Mississippi College—Eld. W. S. Rogers.
On State Missions—J. W. Crews.
On Home Missions—Eld. Jos. Buckles.
On Publications—D. S. Burch.
On Sunday Schools—J. W. Patrick.
On Foreign Missions—Eld. J. H. Purser.
On Prohibition—Eld. J. C. Farrar.
On Pastoral Support—W. B. Thompson.
On Sustentation—T. J. Martin.
On Condition of the Colored People—Eld. S. R. Young.
Executive Board—J. W. Crews, G. W. Foster, J. W. Walters, J. S. Bailey, A. J. Foster, W. B. Thompson, J. W. McPherson, H. L. Winters, R. M. J. Arnette, Eld. J. H. Purser and Eld. J. C. Farrar.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Lowe,
A. J. Foster,
R. M. J. Arnette,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

A ballot was taken and Brushy Fork was chosen as the place of next meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your committee report that we have examined the Treasurer's report and vouchers, and find the same correct:

Amount received from the Treasurer	$ 22 40
Amount sent by Churches—Association purposes	66 00
Amount sent by Churches—Foreign Missions	8 25
Amount sent by Churches—State Missions	2 50
Amount sent by Churches—Home Missions	7 50
Amount sent by Churches—Association Missions	84 55
Sabbath Collections—Association Missions	41 30
Collections—Ministerial Education	17 00
Sustentation (for Mrs. Lum)	5 00
Total	$254 50

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Crews,
A. J. Foster,
J. T. Thompson,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

G. W. FOSTER,

In Account with Union Baptist Association.

Sept. 23, 1892—To amount since last report	$335	70
To amounts since last Association	182	05
Total	$517	75

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By amount paid out as per vouchers	$495	05
By error		30
By balance on hand	22	40
Total	$517	75

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of the Union Association beg leave to report:

We secured the services of Eld. S. R. Young for the whole of his time, for the sum of $720.00, as Missionary within the bounds of the Association, from January 1, 1892, to January 1, 1893. His field of labor is Harriston, Martin, Port Gibson and Ingleside and their vicinities.

Bro. Young gives quite a favorable report of the work, especially as to Harriston, where the congregations are large and attentive, and the interest would seem to justify the organization of a church at that place as soon as practicable. Bro. Young's reports for the 1st, 2d and 3d quarters are substantially as follows:

Days of actual service		148
Number miles traveled		1,555
Number stations occupied		6
Number sermons preached		78
Number church prayer meetings attended		22
Number religious visits to families		153
Sunday Schools organized		1
Received by letter		5
Collected for our work	$33	40
Collected for Foreign Missions	12	00
Collected for State Missions	5	00

We do earnestly recommend that the churches take monthly collections for the various objects of church work. We recommend also, that the Treasurer of the Association, after paying all the expenses, turn over all remaining funds to the Treasurer of the Executive Board of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. BOLLS, Chairman.

W. B. THOMPSON, Clerk of Board.

A tabulated report of the Woman's Mission Societies of the Association was presented, and on motion, the same was read by the Clerk, and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes of the Association.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

By D. S. Burch:

Resolved, That the thanks and grateful acknowledgments of this Association are due to the noble, Christian people of Rodney and vicinity, for their ceaseless care for the comfort and convenience of delegates and visitors. That we will ever remember the pleasant time spent with those good people, and pray for the abiding of the Holy Spirit with them.

By Bro. J. W. Patrick:

Resolved, That this Association hereby express thanks to the members of the Presbyterian church, for the use of their house of worship.

By Bro. Buckles:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Association have a sufficient number of Minutes printed to supply all demand, and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the amount, and that he be allowed $25.00 for his services as Clerk.

On motion, the Asociation adjourned to meet with Brushy Fork Baptist church, Copiah County, Miss., at 10 o'clock A. M., on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1893.

After singing, "Shall we Meet Beyond the River," and extending the parting hand, and prayer by Bro. Foster, the 72d session of the Union Association was closed.

S. R. YOUNG, Moderator.

D. S. BURCH, Clerk.

Directory Woman's Mission Societies, Union Association.

* Society.	President.	Secretary.	Postoffice.
Antioch	Mrs. M. Douglass	Miss Bettie Bishop	Spencer
Beech Grove*			
Bethany*			
Bethesda*			
Brushy Fork	Mrs. Carrie Townsend	Miss Leila Clark	Hermanville.
Center Chapel*			
Fellowship	Mrs. Ann Bolls	Mrs. E. M. Foster	Lee.
Hermanville	Mrs. Mollie Gordon	Mrs. L. S. Crews	Hermanville.
Ingleside*			
New Providence	Mrs. Anna Bailey	Mrs. R. J. Davis	Allen.
New Zion*		Mrs. Mattie Sumrall	Crystal Springs.
Philadelphia	Mrs. Dorcas Chiles	Miss Mary Smith	Caseyville.
Pine Bluff*			
Pleasant Hill*			
Piedmont	Mrs. D. S. Burch	Mrs. F. S. Mullins	Union Church.
Rodney	Mrs. N. O. Thompson	Mrs. S. McGill	Rodney.
Smyrna	Mrs. Ida Martin	Mrs. M. E. Wilson	Hazlehurst.
White Oak*			
Young People's M. S	W. B. Thompson	Miss Mattie Wilcox	Rodney.

*No report.

Financial Statement of Woman's Mission Societies—Contributions

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Society.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Association Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Mississippi College.	Sustentation.	Home Uses.	Centennial Building Fund.	Total.
Antioch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 8 40	.....	$ 8 40
Brushy Fork	.....	.....	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	.....	.....	15 70	.....	30 70
Fellowship	$ 9 50	$ 6 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	103 10	.....	128 60
Hermanville	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	16 00	.....	$10 00	5 60	.....	41 60
New Providence	3 40	2 35	10 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	25 55	.....	42 80
Philadelphia	.....	.....	.....	9 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 55
Piedmont	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	12 50
Rodney	17 10	78 55	4 80	20 00	.....	$ 5 00	.....	132 35	$ 8 50	266 30
Smyrna	.....	.....	.....	1 35	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	11 35
Young People's Miss'n Soc'ty	9 60	4 40	2 25	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 20	.....	22 45
Totals	$44 60	$91 30	$32 05	$43 40	$27 50	$ 5 00	$10 00	$ 311 90	$ 8 50	$ 574 25

CHURCHES—DIRECTORY.

Churches.	Pastor.	Postoffice.	Clerk.	Postoffice.
Antioch	Joseph Buckles	Caseyville	Hiram Swinney	Spencer.
Bethesda	G. W. Farmer	Harriston	W. T. Allen	Red Lick.
Beech Grove	J. H. Purser	Hermanville	A. L. Harlan	Martin.
Bethany				
Brushy Fork	J. H. Purser	Hermanville	Geo. F. Boren	Hermanville.
Center Chapel				
Fellowship	W. W. Bolls	Lee	W. W. Edwards	Rodney.
Hermanville,	W. W. Bolls	Lee	J. A. Lord	Hermanville.
Ingleside	S. R. Young	Martin	F. M. Bufkin	Ingleside.
Martin	S. R. Young	Martin	J. W. White	Martin.
New Providence	J. J. Green	Brookhaven	F. M. Davis	Allen.
New Zion	J. D. Jameson	Crystal Springs	A. D. Pevey	Crystal Springs.
Philadelphia	J. H. Gambrell	Brookhaven	J. E. Decell	Caseyville.
Pine Bluff	J. H. Purser	Hermanville	T. J. Martin	Hazlehurst.
Pleasant Hill	J. H. Purser	Hermanville	I. N. Garrett	Union Church.
Piedmont	J. J. Green	Brookhaven	J. M. Albritton	Veto.
Reganton	J. E. Lowe	Crystal Springs	N. B. Fisher	Reganton.
Rodney	W. W. Bolls	Lee	I. E. Herring	Rodney.
Sims Chapel	W. S. Rogers	Clinton	J. S. McPherson	Port Gibson.
Smyrna	Joseph Buckles	Caseyville	W. F. Funchess	Hazlehurst.
Unity			J. W. Ulmer	Red Lick.
White Oak	T. N. Rhymes	Crystal Springs	F. M. Coleman	Utica.

Statistics of Churches.

Churches.	County.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Died.	Excluded.	Membership last year.	*Present Membership.* Male.	Female.	Total.	Number of Minutes.	Sab. School Enrollm'nt.
Antioch	Copiah	1	2	....	2	....	....	68	30	39	69	25	65
Bethesda	Jefferson	....	....	....	2	...	8	55	14	31	45	10	39
Beech Grove	Claiborne	....	3	....	10	....	....	94	42	45	89	10	.....
Bethany	Copiah	....	....	....	....	....	....	62	30	32	62	.....	.....
Brushy Fork	Copiah	13	....	1	1	1	1	66	32	45	77	20	.....
Center Chapel	Jefferson	....	....	....	....	...	....	49	20	29	49	.....	.....
Fellowship	Jefferson	....	...	....	5	2	....	57	19	31	50	25	38
Hermanville	Claiborne	5	2	1	....	1	....	53	24	36	60	25	47
Ingleside	Claiborne	....	2	....	....	....	....	27	15	14	29	15	27
Martin	Claiborne	....	3	....	3	....	....	14	8	5	13	10	.....
New Providence	Copiah	5	1	....	3	....	1	68	35	35	70	15	37
New Zion	Copiah	1	2	....	1	1	....	160	66	95	161	40	70
Philadelphia	Lincoln	3	2	....	2	1	1	53	27	27	54	15	46
Pine Bluff	Copiah	....	....	....	....	....	....	183	54	129	183	20	.....
Pleasant Hill	Copiah	7	10	1	9	1	3	141	64	82	146	45	90
Piedmont	Jefferson	....	1	....	....	....	....	23	7	17	24	10	23
Reganton	Claiborne	....	1	....	3	....	1	27	11	13	23	12	22
Rodney	Jefferson	1	4	....	....	....	6	49	25	23	48	20	.....
Sim's Chapel	Claiborne	2	1	....	3	....	....	34	22	12	34	12	34
Smyrna	Copiah	1	....	....	1	1	....	96	32	63	95	20	39
Unity	Jefferson	....	....	....	19	2	....	44	8	15	23	10	.....
White Oak	.....	3	....	....	8	....	1	76	30	40	70	25	24
Totals	.....	42	34	3	72	10	22	1500	615	858	1473	404	.....

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CHURCHES.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Association Missionaries.	Ministerial Education.	Association Purposes.	Sunday Schools.	Val. Church Property.	Local Expenses	Sustentation.
Antioch	$ 100 00	.....	.....	$ 3 70	.....	.....	$ 4 25	$ 9 00	$ 400 00	$ 75 00	.....
Bethesda	.....	.....	$ 2 50	2 50	.....	.....	1 00	1 25	100 00	.....	.....
Bethany	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beech Grove	100 00	.....	.....	2 00	$3 15	.....	4 15	.....	385 00	.....	.....
Brushy Fork	100 00	.....	.....	3 40	3 70	.....	3 50	.....	500 00	6 00	.....
Center Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fellowship	150 00	$15 25	4 30	.....	11 10	$ 6 25	5 15	2 00	500 00	42 00	$10 00
Hermanville	175 00	.....	.....	8 00	2 50	.....	.....	36 35	1350 00	120 10	.....
Ingleside	65 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75	1 00	250 00	.....	4 30
Martin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Providence	200 00	9 85	2 35	.....	35 00	8 75	1 50	10 00	1625 00	152 00	.....
New Zion	175 00	14 05	.....	.....	36 45	10 00	8 00	6 25	1450 00	.....	10 00
Philadelphia	200 00	.....	10 20	.....	3 00	.....	.....	6 00	1190 00	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	150 00	.....	.....	4 20	10 00	.....	4 60	7 90	1200 00	6 00	.....
Piedmont	100 00	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	8 35	1 10	140 00	.....	5 00
Pine Bluff	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reganton	100 00	8 00	.....	.....	18 65	.....	2 10	.....	150 00	.....	.....
Rodney	125 00	3 65	5 00	6 50	25 00	5 00	5 60	.....	2000 00	267 50	10 00
Sims' Chapel	75 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	9 55	3 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Smyrna	150 00	3 15	.....	18 15	.....	15 00	3 00	3 45	600 00	.....	.....
Unity	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
White Oak	300 00	5 55	.....	22 00	23 00	.....	5 00	1 25	800 00	.....	.....
	$2265 00										

ABSTRACT OF FAITH

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

ADOPTED FIRST SESSION, SEPTEMBER 18, 1820.

PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, are convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for a preservation of our union among churches of the same faith and order; we, therefore, agree to form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

I. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude; in the imputation of all his sins to all his posterity; in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

IV. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

V. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus—who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law, that they might be holy and without blame before him in love.

VI. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious

state, and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

VII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a Church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of immersed believers, who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another by the will of God, and have covenanted to keep up a Godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the Gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church —the only Lawgiver—and the government is with the church.

3. That baptism and the Lord's Supper are the gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. That the immersion of the body in water, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, is the only Scriptural Baptism as taught by Christ and his Apostles.

5. That none but regularly baptized church members, who live a holy life, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. That it is the privilege and duty of all believers to make public profession of their faith by submitting themselves, as subjects of baptism and as members to the visible church.

7. That it is the duty of every regularly organized church to expel from her communion all disorderly and immoral members, or those who hold doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches of our union shall compose the Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. Delegates thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the "Union Baptist Association."

4. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of

the members present, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Union, they shall petition by letter and delegates. If received, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship. The Association shall always have the power to receive or reject appplicants for membership.

6. No church in this Union shall have a right to more than three delegates, unless she shall exceed one hundred members; then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every additional fifty members.

7. Every query sent to the Association, by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated, and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided, always, that, those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflections upon a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave of the Moderator.

12. No brother shall finally depart from the conference, without leave of the Association.

13. All reports to this body shall be sent up in writing.

14. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question that may be debated; provided, the chair be previously filled, but shall only have the privilege of voting when the Association is equally divided.

15. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association deems expedient.

16. We think it actually necessary to have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Asssociation appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association

for the money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the same.

17. The name of no delegate shall appear upon the minutes of this Association who absents himself before adjournment without leave of the Association.

18. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. It shall be the business of the Association to provide for the general union of the Churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence (when convenient) with other Associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in their power in difficult matters; to inquire into any difficulties which may exist between sister churches, and remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, but not give them the privilege of voting.

6. This Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union which may be unsound in principle, or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have power to adjourn at any time or place they may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

MINUTES

OF THE

73d Annual Session

OF THE

Union Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Brushy Fork Baptist Church

Copiah County, Miss.,

September 23, 24, 25 and 26, 1893.

OFFICERS:

S. R. YOUNG, MODERATOR, ... HERMANVILLE, MISS.
J. C. FARRAR, CLERK, ... BEAR CREEK, "
G. W. FOSTER, TREASURER, ... LEE, "

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